

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1690**

**Introduced by Committee on Human Services (Aroner (Chair),  
Goldberg (Vice Chair), Ashburn, Chan, Diaz, Dutra, and  
Mountjoy)**

March 6, 2001

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An act to amend Section 15655 of the Welfare and Institutions Code,  
relating to human services.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1690, as introduced, Committee on Human Services. Elder and  
dependent abuse reporting: training.

Existing law requires mandated reporters to report instances of abuse  
of elder or dependent adults. Existing law also specifies that long-term  
health care facilities or community care facilities that provide care to  
adults shall provide training to their staff in recognizing and reporting  
elder and dependent adult abuse.

This bill would also make residential care facilities for the elderly  
subject to the requirement to provide training to staff in recognizing and  
reporting elder and dependent adult abuse, and would require  
compliance by July 1, 2002.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 15655 of the Welfare and Institutions
- 2 Code is amended to read:

1 15655. (a) (1) Each long-term health care facility, as defined  
2 in Section 1418 of the Health and Safety Code ~~or~~, community care  
3 facility, as defined in Section 1502 of the Health and Safety Code,  
4 *or residential care facility for the elderly, as defined in Section*  
5 *1569.2 of the Health and Safety Code*, that provides care to adults  
6 shall provide training in recognizing and reporting elder and  
7 dependent adult abuse, as prescribed by the Department of Justice.  
8 The Department of Justice shall, in cooperation with the State  
9 Department of Health Services and the State Department of Social  
10 Services, develop a minimal core training program for use by these  
11 facilities. As part of that training, long-term care facilities,  
12 including nursing homes and out-of-home care facilities, shall  
13 provide to all staff being trained a written copy of the reporting  
14 requirements and a written notification of the staff's  
15 confidentiality rights as specified in Section 15633.

16 (2) ~~Compliance~~ *Each long-term health care facility as defined*  
17 *in Section 1418 of the Health and Safety Code and each community*  
18 *care facility as defined in Section 1502 of the Health and Safety*  
19 *Code shall comply with paragraph (1) shall be completed by*  
20 *January 1, 2001, or, if the facility begins began operation after*  
21 *July 31, 2000, within six months of the date of the beginning of the*  
22 *operation of the facility. Employees hired after June 1, 2001, shall*  
23 *be trained within 60 days of their first day of employment.*

24 (3) *Each residential care facility as defined in Section 1569.2*  
25 *of the Health and Safety Code shall comply with paragraph (1) by*  
26 *July 1, 2002, or, if the facility began operation after July 1, 2002,*  
27 *within six months of the date of the beginning of the operation of*  
28 *the facility. Employees hired on or after July 1, 2002, shall be*  
29 *trained within 60 days of their first day of employment.*

30 (b) Each long-term health care facility, as defined in Section  
31 1418 of the Health and Safety Code, shall be subject to review by  
32 the State Department of Health Services Licensing and  
33 Certification Unit for compliance with the duties imposed in  
34 subdivision (a).

35 (c) Each community care facility, as defined in Section 1502 of  
36 the Health and Safety Code, *and residential care facility for the*  
37 *elderly, as defined in Section 1569.2 of the Health and Safety Code,*  
38 shall be subject to review by the State Department of Social

- 1 Services Community Care Licensing Unit for compliance with the
- 2 duties imposed in subdivision (a).

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